

Amendments to the Claims:

Please add claims 8-14.

Please cancel claims 1-7.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (New) An antibody or antibody fragment comprising, an antibody or antibody fragment thereof specifically binding to a heparin-binding growth factor (HBGF) polypeptide.

9. (New) The antibody or antibody fragment of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.

10. (New) The antibody or antibody fragment of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight from about 10 kDa to 20 kDa.

11. (New) An antibody or antibody fragment composition, wherein the antibody or antibody fragment thereof specifically binds to a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of human CTGF from amino acid residue 247 to residue 349.

12. (New) The antibody or antibody fragment of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has the amino acid sequence of human CTGF from amino acid residue 248 to 349.

13. (New) The antibody or antibody fragment thereof of claims 8 or 11, wherein the antibody or antibody fragment is a monoclonal antibody.

14. (New) The antibody or antibody fragment thereof of claims 8 or 11, wherein the antibody or antibody fragment is a polyclonal antibody.